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**Tennessee River Missionary
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MINUTES

OF THE

Tennessee

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Association,

Missionary

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JASPER,
MARION,
COUNTY,
TENNESSEE.
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—OF THE—

Tennessee & River & Association,

—OF—

MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

Held with Jasper Church,

—AT—

Jasper, Marion County, Tennessee.

October, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1890-

OFFICERS.

P. BROWN, Moderator;.....Hollywood, Alabama.
L. C. COULSON, Clerk;.....Scottsboro, Alabama,
MILTON ROACH, Treasurer;.....Fackler, Alabama.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

P. BROWN, Moderator;.....Hollywood, Alabama.
JOHN J. BEESON,.....Pisgah, Alabama.
HENRY H. HORTON,.....Scottsboro, Alabama.
CHARLES B. ROACH,.....Fackler, Alabama.
CRAWFORD HOWELL,.....Holly Tree, Alabama.
SAMUEL BUTLER,.....Larkins Fork, Alabama,

SCOTTSBORO, ALA.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 3rd. 1890.

- 1 Annual Sermon.
- 2 Call to Order.
- 3 Call Roll of Delegates,
- 4 Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 5 Read Letters from Churches.
- 6 Petitionary Letters.
- 7 Invite Correspondents and visitors of same faith to seats.
- 8 Appointment of Special Committes.
 - I Religious Services
 - II Obituaries.
 - III Finance.
 - IV Periodicals.
 - V Appointment of new Board.
 - VI Committee of one to report on letters.
 - VII Appointment of standing Committee.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 4th.

- 9 Select place for next meeting.
- 10 Select Brother to preach annual sermon and alternate,
- 11 Call for report of standing Committes in order.
Sunday services.

MONDAY, OCTOBER, 6th,

- 12 Report of Executive Board.
- 13 Report of Missionary Board.
- 14 Miscellaneous Business.
- 15 Resolutions.
- 16 Adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- 1 Associational letters—L. C. Coulson.
- 2 Associational Missions—Thomas Davis, E. P. Cowart; Speaker Jno. H. Roach.
- 3 State Missions—J. J. Beeson, Mike Hill; Speaker, Virgil Bouldin.
- 4 Home Missions—W. R. Ivey, R. Deavers; Speaker, W. O. Prince.
- 5 Foroeign Missions—C. B. Roach, Isaac Mathews; Speaker, M. A. Leak.
- 6 Ministerial Relief—J. L. Knight, P. H. Helton; Speaker C. T. Knight.
- 7 Temperance—Milton Roach, J. B. Campbell; Speaker, P. Hall
- 8 Ministerial Education—H. H. Horton Ralph Howel; Speker, C. Howell.
- 9 Sunday-School work—R. A. Coffey, G. A. Beard; Speaker, J. J. StClair.
- 10 Womans work—P. C. Coulson, Susie Wood and Alabama Dicus; L. C. Coulson, Speaker.

NOTE—Please furnish the Clerk with Copies of your reports two days at least, before the Association meets. Don't forget this. It is important.

L. C. COULSON, Clerk.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCT, 3rd, 1890.

The Delegates from the Churchs composing the Tennessee River Association of Missionary Baptist met with Jasper Church, Jasper, Marion County, Tennessee, on Friday, the 3rd, day of October, 1890. and held its thirty-third annual meeting, at 11 o'clock a. m. the people were called together by singing 415 Baptist Psalmist.

"Come thou fount of evry blessing;
Tune my heart to sing they grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Calls for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount—O fix me on it.
Mount of God's unchanging love"

C. B. Roach then read the 106 Division of the Psalms. 1st. Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord! for He is good; for his mercy endureth for ever," and after reading the whole division, prayer by J. J. Beeson, and No. 438 of the Baptis Psalmist, sung.

"My soul be on thy guard;
Ten thousand fears arise.
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw me from the skies."

C. B. Roach proceeded and preached the introductory sermon, from the 106th Division of the Psalms, 15 verse. Which is as follows: "And he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls."

The sermon was full of practical suggestions, how we might avoid leanness of soul. 1st. God often allows us to have our requests, and as punishment therefor when such requests are not the best for us; he gives us leanness. 2nd. In order to avoid leanness, we must desire, only those things that are in harmony with the word of God; and in keeping with his commands.

The moderator called the Association to order, and then engaged in singing the No. 53, Baptist Psalmist.

"Raise your triumphant songs
To an immortal tune;
Let all earth resound the deeds
Celestial grace has done."

Prayer by the Moderator. P. Brown.

The first business. Call roll of Churches and Delegates appointed and mark absentees, when the Clerk proceeded with the call, and the following result reached.

1. *Antioch*—Not represented.
2. *Beech Grove*—Omega Watson, A. J. DuBoise.
3. *Bethel*—Letter, no delegates.
4. *Bethesda*—B. F. Plasters.
5. *Cave Spring*—Isaac Mathews, Augustus Smith, Leroy Rash.
6. *Centennial*—Willis Chandler, P. A. Carlile.
7. *Charity*—Letter, no delegate.
8. *Cumberland Mountain*—Letter, no delegate.
9. *Cedar Grove*—Letter, no delegate.

10. *Center Point*—J. A. Dicus, Mike Hill, J. P. McLendon, W. O. Tharp.
11. *Ebenezer*—J. M. Reeves.
12. *Freedom*—J. S. Hall, Frank Boldin, A. D. Fowler.
13. *Friendship*—Milton Roach, D. L. Rorex, J. B. Campbell.
14. *Gurleys*—William Branon, T. S. Echols.
15. *Hale's Cove*—J. H. Gwathney.
16. *Hurricane Grove*—Not represented.
17. *Harmony*—J. J. StClair, W. B. Campbell.
18. *Jones Cove*—Not represented.
19. *Larkinsville*—E. P. Cowart, Wm. P. Culver.
20. *Mt. Nebo*—Thomas Davis, J. J. Cunningham, B. B. Toney.
21. *Mt. Zion*—Milton Morris.
22. *Mt. Pisgah*—J. H. Jarnagan, W. A. Starkey, C. T. Starkey.
23. *Mt. Ararat*—Letter, no delegate.
24. *Mt. Tabor*—Not represented.
25. *McCoy's Grove*—Not represented.
26. *Mountain Grove*—Not represented.
27. *New Hope*—R. A. Coffey, P. H. Pelton.
28. *Plasent Mount*—E. J. Carlile.
29. *Scottsboro*—W. A. Coffey, Virgil Bouldin.
30. *Trenton*—J. R. Bingham.
31. *Union*—Not represented.
32. *Union Grove*—Not represented.

TENNESSEE CHURCHES

- 1 *Macedonia*—George A. Claus.
- 2 *Jasper*—W. A. Burt, J. A. Anderson, James Lane.
- 3 *Pleasant Hill*—Ephram Coulson, Isham Quarels, Dalid Gray.

GEORGIA CHURCHES.

- 1 *Tunnel Hill*—Not represented.

Ordained Ministers delegates by vertue of Ordination:

P. Brown,	J. J. Beeson,	L. C. Coulson,
Rufus Gist,	Ralph Howell,	H. H. Horton,
M. J. Hicks,	W. R. Ivey,	J. L. Knight,
J. C. Lambert,	C. B. Roach;	

Making fifty six delegates in attendance. On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by C. B. Roach, the Assosiation proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. The Moderator appointed R. A. Coffey and Milton Roach as tellers to receive and count the votes. The tellers on counting the ballots cast, report that P. Brown was re-elected Moderator and L. C. Coulson Clerk for the ensuing year. This is the thirteenth time that P. Brown has been elected Moderator, snd the seventh year for the present Clerk.

The Association now beeing fully organized proceeded with the regular order:

Petitionery letters called for with no response. Coresponding delegates from sister Associations, called for and no response.

At this point, on motion of C. B. Roach, supported by W. R. Ivey, the regular order of business was suspended, for a specific purpose; that of passing the following resolutions.

By C. B. Roach. Resolved. That this body meet each morning at 8:30 o'clock A. M. adjourn at 12. M. and met at 1:30 P. M. and adjourn at will. Adopted.

By L. C. Coulson, Resolved that all visiting brethren, be and they are hereby invited to seats with us, and aid us by such suggestions as they may deem best for the cause of Christ. Adopted.

Whereupon C. W. Hare, Editor of the Alabama Baptist, and who was also, representing the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist Convention, was recognized and cordially invited to a seat with the body, (The brethren will always welcome brother Hare.) Regular order.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on religious services, to report at any time. Pastor J. C. Lambert, with Deacons W. A. Burt, J. A. Anderson and James Lane.

On motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by J. A. Dicus, The Association adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock P. M. Association met pursuant to adjournment called to order by the Moderator. The Committee on religious services reported that W. R. Ivey, pastor of the Scottsboro Church, would preach Friday night at Baptist Church.

The Moderator then proceeded with regular order, and appointed Committees as follows:

Finance, E. P. Cowart, Thomas Echols and A. J. DuBoise.

Periodicals W. R. Ivey, J. J. Cunningham and J. R. Bingham
New Board, P. Brown, J. J. Beeson, Henry H. Horton, Charles B. Roach, Crawford Howell and Sammul Butler.

P. Brown was added to the above Committee, by the Association on motion of J. J. Beeson supported by J. J. StCclair.

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by several, Association adjourned until Saturday morning, 8:30 o'clock.

Friday evening, 7 o'clock—Preaching by W. R. Ivey, from Matt. vii; 21—23, as follows: 21st v; "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord!" shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in Heaven." 23d v; "And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity!'"

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1890, 8:30, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator proceeded with the regular order of business, and appointed the following standing committees:

Associational Letters.—L. C. Coulson.

Associational Missions.—Thomas Davis, E. P. Cowart; Speaker, J. H. Roach.

State Missions.—J. J. Beeson, Mike Hill; Speaker, Virgil Bouldin.

Home Missions.—W. R. Ivey, R. Deavers; Speaker, W. O. Prince.

Foreign Missions.—C. B. Roach, Isaac Matthews; Speaker, M. A. Leak.

Ministerial Relief.—J. L. Knight, P. H. Hilton; Speaker, C. T. Knight.

Temperance.—Milton Roach, J. B. Campbell; Speaker, P. Hall.
Ministerial Education.—H. H. Horton, Ralph Howell; Speaker, Crawford Howell.

Sunday School Work.—R. A. Coffey, G. A. Beard; Speaker, J. J. St. Clair.

Woman's Work.—P. C. Coulson, Susie Wood, Alabama Dicus; Speaker, L. C. Coulson.

The Association then selected the place of next meeting—Cave Spring, Jackson County, Alabama, which is nine miles north-west of Stevenson. Isaac Matthews and others pledged themselves to have conveyance at Stevenson to convey the delegates and visitors from and to the railroad at Stevenson. W. R. Ivey was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Preston Brown, alternate.

Report of standing committees called for in their order.

The report of the Clerk on letters from the several churches was read, amended and discussed by C. B. Roach, W. A. Coffey and J. J. Beeson, and on motion of C. B. Roach, supported by Milton Roach, adopted. See appendix, (A.)

Associational Missions, report by C. B. Roach, who was substituted for John H. Roach, who was not in attendance. The report was on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by M. J. Hicks, adopted without discussion. See appendix, (B.)

Report on State Missions called for and submitted by L. C. Coulson, chairman, amended and discussed by C. B. Roach, C. W. Hare, J. J. Beeson and P. Brown, and on motion of C. B. Roach, supported by W. R. Ivey, adopted. See appendix, (C.)

Report on Home Missions read by J. J. Beeson, of the committee, and discussed by J. C. Lambert, W. R. Ivey, C. W. Hare and J. J. Beeson, and on motion of C. B. Roach, supported by W. R. Ivey, adopted. See appendix (D.)

Report on Foreign Missions read by J. J. Beeson for Isaac Matthews, and discussed by W. R. Ivey, C. W. Hare, P. Brown and J. J. Beeson, and on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. A. Coffey, adopted. See appendix (E.)

On request of the chairman on Ministerial Relief, Monday 9 o'clock, was made a special hour for this report.

On request of the chairman of committee on Ministerial Education, the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. was fixed for this report, because the brethren heretofore appointed to report on these subjects were not present, and new persons were appointed, hence the delay.

On motion, 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, was made the special order for report on Sunday School work.

J. C. Lambert, chairman of the committee on Preaching, reported that L. C. Coulson preach in the Baptist church on Saturday night, and Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the M. E. Church; W. R. Ivey in the Baptist church at 11, a. m., and in the M. E. church at 7, p. m.; C. B. Roach in the Baptist at 7, p. m.; H. H. Horton in the Baptist church at 3, p. m., and J. J. Beeson, at Pleasant Hill Baptist church, at 11, a. m. On motion of C. B. Roach, supported by J. J. Beeson, the Association adjourned until Sunday morning, 9, a. m.

Saturday night at 7 o'clock L. C. Culson preached from Psalms xlii, 2: "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1890; 9 o'clock, a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The report on Sunday Schools being the special order for this hour; the Moderator called for the reading of the report, which was read by the clerk at the request of the chairman, H. H. Horton. The report was discussed by J. T. Knight, J. J. Beeson, Virgil Bouldin, W. R. Ivey, M. Hill, P. Brown, J. S. Lightfoot, and on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by Virgil Bouldin, adopted. See appendix (F).

On motion of R. A. Coffey, supported by Isaac Matthews, the Association adjourned until Monday morning, 8:30.

W. R. Ivey preached in the Baptist church Sunday at 11, a. m., from the text, Amos vii, 7. "This he showed me, and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb in his hand."

L. C. Coulson preached in the M. E. church at 11, a. m., from Daniel xii, 2, "And they that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

J. J. Beeson preached in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock from first Corinthians, ii, 8—9 verses: 8th, "Which none of the princes of this world know; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory."

9th verse: "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

H. H. Horton preached in the Baptist church at 3, p. m., Sunday, from Matthew xxvii; 19—20 verses. 19th verse: "Go ye. therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

20th verse: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

C. B. Roach preached in the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock from Galatians vi, 14: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

W. R. Ivey preached in the M. E. church Sunday night at 7 o'clock, from Mathew x, 49—50. 49th verses, "And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be celled, and they called the blind man, saying unto him: Be of good comfort, rise, he called thee."

50th verse, "And he, casting away his garments, arose and came to Jesus."

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1890.

The Association met at 8:30 pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises, the hour of 9 o'clock having arrived, being the hour fixed for the report on Ministerial Relief. Report called for and read by the clerk, and

discussed by J. L. Knight and J. J. Beeson, when on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by B. B. Looney, the report was adopted. See appendix (G.)

The hour of 9:30, the hour for report on Ministerial Education, having arrived, the report was read by J. J. Beeson at the request of Thomas Davis, chairman, and discussed by J. J. Beeson, W. R. Ivey, C. T. Starkey, Mike Hill, and on motion of C. B. Roach, supported by J. J. Beeson, report adopted See appendix (H.)

Report on temperance called for, and read by the clerk; chairman of committee being absent. Discussed by P. Brown, J. J. Beeson, Mike Hill, W. R. Ivey, and on motion of J. J. Beeson supported by J. A. Dicus, adopted. See appendix (I.)

Report on finances called for, read by the Clerk on the request of the Chairman, E. P. Cowart, and on motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by J. L. Knight, adopted. See appendix (J.)

Report of committee on periodicals called for and read by W. R. Ivey, Chairman, and discussed by J. J. Beeson, C. B. Roach, P. Brown, L. C. Coulson and W. R. Ivey. The motion to strike out recommendation of "American Publication Society's" literature which was lost and then on motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by Mike Hill the report was adopted. See appendix (K.)

Treasurer of the Association's report by Milton Roach, and on motion of B. B. Toney supported by J. L. Knight, adopted. See appendix (L.)

The report on obituary submitted by Milton Roach, Chairman, and after remarks by Mike Hill, on motion of C. B. Roach supported by J. A. Dicus, adopted. See appendix (M.)

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by E. P. Cowart, the Historical and Statistical report, prepared by the Clerk, be printed as a part of the Minutes of the Tennessee River Baptist Association, adopted. See appendix (N.)

MICELLANEOUS.

By unanimous consent the Clerk read the following preamble and resolutions, adopted by the S. B. C. at Fort Worth in May 1890, which was adopted as the sentiment of the Association on this important question.

"Whereas, The different denominations have lately been giving unusual attention to the subject of Christian union, and

Whereas. It is conceded to be a great desideratum that Christians should agree on all important points of doctrine and fealty, and

Whereas. There is a standard recognized as authoritative—namely the Bible. Therefore be it

1. Resolved, By the Southern Baptist Convention representing 1,200,000 communicants, that we recognize the gravity of the problem of bringing different denominations to see alike on important subjects concerning which they now differ, and that we recognize in the scripture the only basis on which such an agreement is possible or desirable.

2. Resolved. That we respectfully propose to the general bodies of our brethren of other denominations to select representative scholars who shall consider and seek to determine just what is the teachings of the Bible on the leading points of different of doctrines and fealty between the denominations, in the hope that they can, at least, help to a better understanding of the issues involved and

3. Resolved: That we heartily favor that the results of the proposed conference of representative scholars be widely published in all the denominational papers so that the Christian public will be thoroughly enlightened concerning these results, and that progress be made toward true Christian union.

On motion of C. B. Roach, supported by W. R. Ivey, L. C. Coulson was elected by acclamation, as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, by the Association which meets in Birmingham, Ala., May 7, 1891.

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by Milton Roach, J. J. Beeson was

also elected, by acclamation, as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention from the Association,

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by J. J. Beeson, H. H. Horton, was elected, by acclamation, to the Alabama State Convention which meets November 7, 1890, with St. Francis Street Church, Mobile Ala.

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by Ralph Howell, letters of dismissal was granted to the following Churches, they having requested the same, to wit: Bethsada, Cedar Grove, Jasper, Pleasant Mount and Pleasant Hill.

While all the brethren of the Association regret to part with these churches, it is the earnest prayer of the brethren that the step taken may result in great good.

CLERK.

It will be remembered that the whole mission question was submitted and discussed together, and hence some confusion as to order of discussion, etc.

CLERK.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were offered by J. J. Beeson, supported by Milton Roach, and after remarks by W. R. Ivey, were unanimously adopted.

1. Resolved, That we undertake to raise, for missionary purposes, the coming year, \$500; the amount suggested to us by the State Mission Board, to be divided as follows: State Mission, \$250; Home Mission, \$125; and Foreign Mission \$125. This will only amount to—for each member during the year.

2. Resolved, That this shall in no wise be considered a tax, but a request that the Churches try to raise the money.

NOTE. If the Churches will try for this one year, and take up a collection for this purpose every day they have services, at the next Association they will have the amount, and more. Try it brethren; try it this year and see the result.

CLERK.

On motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by J. J. Beeson, the following resolution was adopted, and pledges and money raised.

Resolved, That this body do, now and here, request the Board of Ministerial Education to pay the board for Brother C. T. Starky at the Howard College for the present scholastic year.

PLEDGES FOR REV. C. T. STARKY,

W. R. Ivey	\$10.00
W. B. Campbell	10.00
J. B. Campbell	Paid 5.00
Milton Roach	" 5.00
L. C. Coulson	" 1.00
W. T. Penington	" 1.00
Isaac Mathews	5.00
John Tallant	1.00
Total	\$38.00

On motion of J. J. Beeson, supported by R. A. Coffey, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the Association return to its former practice of reading church letters in open session, and that the Clerk of the churches be requested to furnish the Clerk of the Association, on his request, with names of delegates and attendants.

On motion of L. C. Coulson, supported by J. J. Beeson and others, the following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the delegates and visitors of the Tennessee River Baptist

Association do, now and here, render their most sincere thanks to our venerable brother, the Rev. Samuel Beene, of the Primitive Baptist Church, for his many acts of kind consideration shown us during our meeting; and, now, may God's richest blessing be showered on him and his aged companion as they journey on toward the goodly land.

The following resolution was on motion of W. R. Ivey, supported by J. A. Dicus. Adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and humbly tendered the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Company, and the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company for their kindness in giving reduced rates over their lines, to the messengers and visitors attending the 33d Annual meeting of the Tennessee River Association of Baptist, held at Jasper, Tenn., Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1890.

The following resolutions were offered by the Moderator, (E. P. Cowart in the chair,) and supported by B. B. Toney, and adopted with a hearty good will:

1. Resolved, That the Tennessee River Association return to the citizens of Jasper and vicinity, irrespective of denominational lines, and unto those kind friends who are not religious, for the generous hospitality they have extended during our stay among them.

2. That we cordially tender to our Methodist and Presbyterian brethren our grateful acknowledgment for the use of their churches while in their midst.

Resolutions by J. J. Beeson, supported by C. B. Roach. Adopted.

1. Resolved, That the Clerk of this body have as many Minutes printed as thirty-five dollars will pay for, and the remainder to pay for mailing, etc.

2. That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties as officers of this body.

The preparation of the Minutes for the printer was left to the sound discretion of the Clerk, who has done his best in the past to give the best Minute possible for the money at his command. The Clerk feels very much complimented in that the reading of the Minutes was not even called for, and he thanks the brethren for this mark of confidence.

CLERK.

The old familiar hymn,

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word;
What more can He say than to you He hath said—
You, who unto Jesus, for refuge, hath fled.

was sung, and the parting hand extended to each other, after which the Association engaged in prayer with old Brother Sam Beene, of the Primitive Baptist church. Benediction by the Moderator, and the Association stood adjourned, sine die.

L. C. COULSON, Clerk.

P. BROWN, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Brown, Preston, Moderator,	Hollywood, Ala.
Coulson, L. C., Clerk,	Scottsboro, Ala.
Beeson, John J., Pisgah, Ala.	Jacks, William, Estill's Fork, Ala.
Baines, G. W., Fabius, Ala.	Jones, J. L., Paint Rock, Ala.
Crawford, W. L., Maynards Cove, Ala.	Knight, J. L., Coffey's Store, Ala.
Clouse, J. A., Shellmound, Tenn.	Kennedy, R., Francisco, Ala.
Chandler, J. E., Coffey's Store, Ala.	Leak, M. A., Stevenson, Ala.
Collins, D. S., Coffey's Store, Ala.	Lambert, J. C., Jasper, Tenn.
Gist, Rufus, Fackler, Ala.	Langston, L. J., Stevenson, Ala.
Howell, Crawford, Holly Tree, Ala.	McCloud, James, Pisgah, Ala.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, ETC., CONTINUED.

Howell, Ralph, Stevenson, Ala.
Hall, Phillip, Stevenson, Ala.
Horton, Henry H., Scottsboro, Ala.
Higginbotham, M., Holly Wood, Ala.
Honea, G. W., Garth, Ala.
Hicks, M. J., Whiteside, Tenn.
Isbell, Miller, Limrock, Ala.
Isbell, Jesse W., Limrock, Ala.

Manning, P. G., Whiteside, Tenn.
Morris, G. W., Kirby's Creek, Ala.
Prince, W. O., Estill's Fork, Ala.
Pigg, W. A., Paint Rock, Ala.
Quarels, T. L., Shellmound, Tenn.
Roach, C. B., Fackler, Ala.
Sloan, L. W., Limrock, Ala.
Woodall, L. W., Gurleys, Ala.

APPENDIXES.

A.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Church Letters for report, beg to submit the following:

I submit that very little has been done during the year by the churches toward complying with the promises made at our last Association. We voted to try to raise \$400 during the Associational year. Most of the churches which made the effort to raise this sum succeeded, but those making no effort report leanness.

Many of the churches did not even send a letter, much less a delegate. Two cents would have sent the letter, and this would have been some relief. Brethren, I urge upon you to send a letter next year, that the Association may know that you still breath, if but slightly.

The condition of the churches, as shown by letters, is as follows:

ANTIOCH.—No pastor. Bro. Mike Hill is preaching for them as often as he can. They send no delegate or letter.

BETHEL.—Has had no regular pastor, but has had preaching once a month for most of the time. This church has paid for preaching, during the year, \$9.65. Nothing for missions of any kind. A loss of twelve members is shown by their letter.

3. BEECH GROVE.—The letter from this church shows that some progress has been made. Crawford Howell has preached for them the past year, once a month, and they have paid him \$30. They send up for missions, \$2.50. Their increase in membership is 13.

4. BETHESDA.—This church has paid \$15 for preaching, and nothing for missions. The church asks for a letter of dismissal.

5. CHARITY.—This church shows that they have paid for preaching, \$50; Sunday Schools, \$1; missions \$2. They have a weekly prayer meeting and Sunday school.

6.—CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN.—Shows an increase of five members, but nothing for preaching or missions. It is understood that they are erecting a new church building.

7. CENTENNIAL.—This church shows an increase of ten members, but nothing for preaching or missions.

8. CAVE SPRING.—An increase of seven members; nothing for preaching or missions.

9. CEDAR GROVE.—A loss of three members; paid for preaching, \$28.35; but not a cent for missions. A letter of dismissal asked for.

10. CENTER POINT.—Shows an increase of one member. Keeps up Sunday school and prayer meeting. Contributions for Sunday schools, \$6; state missions, \$7.50. Nothing for preaching.

11. EBENEZER.—A decrease of one member. No contributions for any purpose.

12. FRIENDSHIP.—An increase of fifteen members. Paid pastor, \$60; Sunday schools, \$5; missions, \$47.35; ministerial education \$5. They have a regular prayer meeting and Sunday school.

13. FREEDOM.—This church shows a decrease of twelve members. Paid preacher \$; for missions \$

14. GURLEYS.—Paid pastor, \$33.90; for missions, \$8.34.

15. HAILE'S COVE.—Lost two by death, and decreased nine. Sunday school occasionally. Paid pastor, \$2.90; and nothing for missions.

16. HARMONY.—This church shows an increase of sixteen members. Regular Sunday school. Contributions for Sunday schools, \$1.35; for pastor, \$23.80; missions, \$7.40. The church is prospering.

17. JASPER.—A decrease of three members—one deceased; paid pastor, \$75; nothing for missions.

18. LARKSNVILLE.—An increase of four members. Contributions for missions, \$2.60; for pastor, \$14.50.

19. MT. NEBO.—Shows a loss of five members; paid for missions \$10; for pastor \$—

20. MT. PISGAH.—Shows an increase of twelve members. Regular Sunday school and prayer meeting. Contributions for Sunday schools, \$6; for pastor, \$16; for missions, \$15.75; for ministerial education, \$5; Miscellaneous expenses, \$5. One member, O. J. Garrett, deceased.

21. MCCOY'S GROVE.—An increase of one member. Raised for missions, \$1.

22. MT. ZION.—Shows a decrease of five members. Nothing reported for preaching or missions.

23. MT. ARARAT.—Shows a loss of one member. Paid for preaching, \$28; missions, \$5.60

24. MACEDONIA.—Shows a decrease of one, and \$8.20 for Associational missions

25. NEW HOPE.—A decrease of five members; paid pastor, \$41; missions, nothing.

26. PLEASANT MOUNT.—A loss of eighteen members. Paid for preaching, \$25; missions, nothing. This church asked for a letter of dismissal.

27. PLEASANT HILL.—An increase of one member; paid for preaching, \$14.50; Associational missions, \$2.85; church building, \$134.45. The church asks for a letter of dismissal.

28. SCOTTSBORO.—This church shows an increase of four members. Regular preaching. Sunday school, and prayer meeting every Thursday night. Preaching and Sunday school every Sunday. Contributions: for pastor, \$293.25; Sunday schools, \$20.88; missions, \$46; ministerial education, \$7 65; miscellaneous, \$88.50;

church repairs, \$175. Lost one member by death.—Sister J. M. Bledsoe.

29. TRENTON.—Shows an increase of ten. Loss of two by death. Nothing for pastor or missions.

30. UNION.—Paid pastor, \$1; Sunday School, \$2.50; missions, \$1.25.

31. UNION GROVE.—Shows an increase of six members. Nothing for missions.

32. TUNNEL HILL.—Not represented by delegate or letter. This is a Georgia church.

In submitting this report let me urge the propriety of reporting names of the dead, and all moneys paid for every purpose, so that our people may know just what they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. COULSON,
Chairman.

B.

Your Evangelist begs leave to submit the following report on Associational missions:

This Association covers a very large territory, and has within its bounds much destitution. It would require the service of two men, all their time, to do the work. The field is an open one, and ought to be cultivated, but the want of means prevents it being occupied. I have done some work during the year. However little, I feel that God has blessed my labors in a measure. I preached one hundred and five sermons, visited one hundred and fifty families, traveled one thousand, four hundred and sixty-seven miles, spent one hundred and nine days in the service, and received the sum of \$145.50.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. ROACH, Evangelist.

(I suggest that in future the evangelist keep an account of all monies received, so the proper credit may be given.)

CLERK.

C.

Your committee on State Missions submits the following Report:

Another year has gone by, freighted with its joys and griefs, with its rights and wrongs, with its cares and vexations. The history, we have written as Saints, individually, or as organized congregations to do work for the Master, whether for good or otherwise, has passed into eternity, and cannot be recalled, revised or erased,

but must remain as changeless as the immutable purposes of an alwise God. We may receive pardon and remission, but never erasure or obliteration. It is only the mercies of our gracious Father that can relieve us from the odium or penalty of our misdoings. What we may do, or have done, goes down the ages, and will not stop at the grave, but with a bound crosses over and rushes on the wings of an irresistible force, to trouble and vex those who come after us. We inquire, brother, sister in Christ, what have you written? What have we done since our last meeting for the Lord's cause? Did we not write down that we would go back to our homes and commence the work assigned each, more earnestly, and see to it that the cause did not suffer by our indifference, or want of energy? What has been the result? Have you, brother messenger, come, bearing the sheaves from your churches, and have you their part in full of the \$400 we said we would make the effort to raise during the fiscal year? Your fraternal letters have answered for you. My brethren, if you have done the best you could, then you are not chargeable with withholding that which belongs to the Lord. This, each man must settle for himself. We thought proper to say this much in a general way before entering upon the subject of the report. We are largely indebted to the report of our most efficient secretary and treasurer for statistical facts. If you will take the trouble to turn to page 15, appendix (A), of the Minutes of 1889, and re-read the report on State Work, you will be better prepared to comprehend the scope of this report. In that report you have the facts and figures of the fiscal year from June 30, 1887, to June 30, 1888. We now give you the work of the fiscal year from June 30, 1888, to October 31, 1889; making sixteen months—caused by the change of the time of meeting of the State Convention, from July 1, to November 1; showing what has been accomplished during the period, under the faithful guidance of our secretary, W. B. Crumpton.

We here submit the state of the account of all monies passing through the hands of the secretary and treasurer, as audited by A. J. Goodwin, Auditor of the State Convention, and passed upon by the Convention.

JUNE 30, 1888, TO JUNE 30, 1889.

Dr.

To balance at last report.....	\$ 933.32	
amount received since.....	11,970.70	\$12,904.02

Cr.

By amount paid Misssionaries	\$ 8,019.20	
salary sixteen months.....	2,000.00	
traveling expenses.....	418.73	
paid speeial agent.....	125.22	
paid clerk hire.....	393.30	
paid for printing.....	620.10	
balance on hand.....	1,327.45	\$12,904.02

HOME MISSIONS.

To amount at last report.....	\$ 62.72	
received since last report.....	3,500.11	
balance Cuban missions.....	15.60	
received on Cuban missions.....	210.89	
received for Havana missions.....	197.03	
received for Cuban church, etc.....	54.15	
received for Havana cemetery, etc.,	2.00	\$ 4,040.58

Cr.

By amount paid home missions.....	\$ 2,676.69	
“ “ Cuban missions.....	226.57	
“ “ Havana church.....	197.03	
“ “ Havana cemetery.....	1.05	
“ “ Cuban school.....	52.00	
“ “ Indian missions.....	1.10	
balance on hand.....	886.14	\$ 4,963.47

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To balance at last report.....	\$ 129.63	
amount received since.....	4,833.84	\$ 4,963.47

To amount for Zacatecas mission.....	\$ 181.45
“ “ Italian Chapel.....	69.25
“ “ Japan mission.....	16.00
“ “ China mission.....	59.93
“ “ Mexican mission.....	54.26
“ “ M. T. Yates fund.....	14.10

5,358.46

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To amount received.....	\$ 654.88
By amount paid out.....	654.88

ENDOWMENT HOWARD COLLEGE.

To amount received.....	\$ 11.00
By amount paid out.....	11.00

INDIAN MISSIONS.

To amount on hand.....	\$ 518.50
By amount paid out.....	518.50

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

To amount received.....	\$ 89.45
By amount paid out.....	89.45

BIBLE WORK.	
To amount paid out.....	\$ 66.77
By amount on hand.....	66.77
TRACT FUND.	
To amount received.....	\$ 12.01
By amount paid out.....	12.01
BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE FUND.	
To amount received.....	\$ 3,151.93
By amount paid out and on hand.....	3,151.93
JUDSON BUILDING FUND.	
To amount received.....	\$ 726.09
By amount paid over.....	726.09
RECAPITULATION.	
State Missions.....	\$ 11 970.70
Home Missions.....	3,962.18
Foreign Missions.....	5,226.03
Ministerial Education.....	569.17
Howard College.....	26.60
Indigent Ministers.....	352.07
Church Building, Ala.....	64.80
Bible Work.....	53.87
Tract Fund.....	3.25
Bible and Colportage.....	348.80
Church Building Board.....	7.00
Judson Institute.....	726.09
Total.....	\$23,3310.56

In addition to the above amount raised and expended, Dr. G. W. Ellis has raised and expended for the education of our Alabama boys in Howard College \$3,512.29. A part of the year two of our boys were in this college, to wit: J. W. Willis and C. T. Starkey, of whom we may justly be proud, for they are both grand young men, who give promise of great usefulness in the near future. Beside this array of money, the State Convention received in pledges and cash for the Judson the sum of \$10,000, for Howard \$14,415.51, and for work in Cuba \$2852.50; making \$54,090.80. You say this looks wonderful; and so it is, but with this, the spirit of the Lord in the hearts of His people is expected to do many things that look incredulous. Let us see who has done these great things, for we are a great people in a sense. That we may keep informed as to progress in another direction we beg to submit that we have now in Alabama 70 Associations, 1,428 churches, 856 ordained ministers and a membership of 98,893, which is an increase of 4,532 in the year. There are also in the State 861 colored Baptist churches with a membership of 87,783, who have contributed of their means for this work in Alabama, \$12,682.90. The total contributions of the white Baptist in Alabama during the conventional year, as the re-

port to the S. B. C. shows, was \$149,543.49. The whole amount of money contributed by the states comprising the Southern Baptist Convention was, for the last fiscal year ending April 30, 1890, for mission \$176,973.54. We have in the bounds of the S. B. C. 1,194,520 white Baptist and 1,129,547 colored Baptist; a total of 2,324,067. This shows an increase of white Baptist of 37,440, and of colored 19,421; a total increase of 56,861 during the year. We now call attention to the field work of Alabama, under the guidance of Brother Cumpston.

Bessemer has been for three years under the watch care of the board, but July the 1st, became self sustaining. Elyton, under the pastoral care of Brother Harris, will be able to stand alone after this year; so will Blockton, with Brother Lowery as pastor. It is hoped and believed that Gainsville, Oxana, Auburn, Scottsboro, Sheffield, Girard, Jasper, Fort Payne, Thomasville and Decatur will all be self-sustaining, or nearly so, after this year. Among these congregations five churches have been built. The field in Lowndes county has been worked into new, life and they are doing well over there.

Brother Furgeson, in East Liberty and Central Associations, is doing great work, and the cause is gathering new life there.

In Carry, Boiling Spring, Bethel, Mobile and Clear Creek associations the missionaries are doing a grand work under the Lord's command to "go forward." The old field at Tuscumbia is taking on new life, and will soon be on foot again. Bro. J. B. Huckaber is doing good work in the Tennessee river valley below Decatur. Good work is being done at Ensley City, Autaugaville, Camp Hill, Thomasville, Eutaw, Rock Run, Bluffton, East Birmingham and Southside Mission, where our own J. W. Willis is doing a grand work.

We mention this work to show what fields Brother Cumpston is cultivating, and would like to say something about the Alabama boys who are laboring in these fields, but space forbids.

We wish to briefly refer to the women's work, and we are done.

The Woman's Mission Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a great work. Their report at the last Southern Baptist Convention for the first quarter, or for the first three months of the year, amounted to \$1,296.43. The amount for the second quarter is equally as good. For the last month it was \$329.10; with only ninety-five societies. Now, what we wish to recommend on this line is, that our standing committee on woman's work in the Association organize each church with a committee on woman's work, and that the chairman of each committee procure from the clerk a list of all the members of the church, and make it a point to get from each member a sum equal to one penny a week, or one cent each, or the equivalent to this sum. This will give enough money for all the pressing needs of our work. This work will accomplish a great deal. If we men go to sleep the sisters will do the work, for they were last at the cross and first at the tomb. On one occasion, when the multitude were shouting "hosanna to the king," men in the church assayed to stop the multitude, but the king said to them: "If these do not cry out the rocks and mountains will." We take it that if men in our

churches fail to do their duty the women and sinners will praise God with their substance. God bless the women. Respectfully submitted.

L. C. COULSON,
Chairman.

D.

Your Committee on Home Missions submits the following report. The territory of our Home Mission Board extends from Maryland to Texas, and from Missouri to Florida, and the Island of Cuba, embracing the Indians of the West and Negroes of the South, the Foreigners who come into our states, and the destitute among our own native population. Eternity alone will reveal the good that has already been accomplished by the missionaries of the Board. They have preached the glad tidings of salvation in all the above territory. Doubtless 100,000 souls have been brought to Christ through their influence. There have been 89,000 or 90,000 converts baptised by them, over 1000 churches organised and some 3000 Sunday Schools established, and they have been instrumental in building, probably, 1000 houses of worship. Many of the feeble mission stations occupied by them have become strong churches and aiding the Board in a substantial way. The Board has, or will have, in all probability, 370 missionaries employed this year, preaching the gospel, and they are looking to the churches of our mission board in the Southern States mainly for the means to pay these missionaries. Now brethren will we not help our Board in this noble work? Let us do more this year than ever for Home Missions. We can do more, we ought to do more, we must do more. May God help us to do more for Christ's sake, Amen.

J. J. BEESON,
Chairman.

E.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report.

We have carefully considered this branch of the work given the people of God to do, and find that the Baptist were pioneer workers for foreign missions. Wm. Cary, was baptised by Robert Ryland, October, 5, 1783, and was ordained August, 1687. In May 1792 at Nottingham, Eng., he preached his famous sermon, using Isaiah LII: 2-3 as his text. He divided his text into two exhortations. 1st. "Expect great things from God." 2d. "Attempt great thing for God." The first missionary society was formed at Kittering, Eng, Oct., 2, 1792, which raised for the work sixty-five dollars. Wm. Cary, in company with Dr. Thomas, sailed for India, June, 13, 1793. On December, 29 1800, the first Hindoo convert was baptised in the Ganges; his name was Krishna Pal. Adoniram Judson and Newell, with their wives, on February, 19, 1812, sailed for Calcutta, and on June 17 reached their field of labor. Judson and wife joined the Baptist Church in Calcutta Sept. 6, 1812. Judson reached Rangoon July 13, 1813; and baptised his first convert June 27 1819, Moung Nan. This man was of great assistance to Mr. Judson. Judson preached in Burmah to the Buddhists for six years; without a convert. This was in 1813, and from this one, in 1889 we find the following figures as to Burmah.

Number of Out-Station	393.	Missionaries—men	41.
Missionaries—Physicians	4.	Missionaries.—women	79.
Native unordained preachers	378.	Native ordained preachers	143.
Other native helps	94.	Native bible women	22.
Churches not self-sustaining	372.	Churches self-sustaining	148.
Members	29,689	Baptised to 1889	2,039.
Total contributions			\$52,633.

CHINA—(work began)

Missionaries, native and foreign	69.	Churches and stations	28.
Baptisms	79.	Members	753.

AFRICA—(work began, 1845)

Missionaries	19.	Membarship of the churches	79.
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ITALY—(work began, 1871)

Missionaries	15.	Churches	14.
Members of churches	300.	Baptisms	30.

BRAZIL (work began, 1879)

Missionaries	14.	Churches	8.
Baptised	37.	Members	229.

MEXICO—(work began, 1880)

Missionaries	32.	Churches	22.
Baptisms	70.	Members	620.

JAPAN—(work began, 1889)

Missionaries	4.
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One of these to an Alabama boy, Rev. McCollum. Contributions from the Churches in heathen lands \$4,680.87. That shows what a great work has been accomplished in less than one hundred years. This showing should stimulate us to greater efforts to accomplish good.

Let us raise the \$125 asked for by the State Convention, during this year, and we suggest that now is the time to commence this good work. Give the people an opportunity every Sunday to contribute of their substance. This is alimportant; may God help you do it, and that now.

W. R. IVEY,
Chairman.

F.

Report on Sunday Schools.

It would be nothing new to remark that the Sunday School is one of the chief sources for the maintenance of the strength of our Churches. It is a well known fact that very many of those received into our Churches every year are members of those schools, and many of the adults baptised received their first religious impression through the influence of the Sabbath lesson. It is also conceded that the duty devolves upon us to give to the boys and girls, as they grow up about us, the best religious education that we can impart to them. This obligation would exist even if we did not have the hope of receiving them into our Churches. It is a duty that we owe to society and to the State as well as to the individuals who are taught. These considerations impel us to constant faithfulness to the Sabbath School work. Not only should we diligently follow the methods that are approved by long use; but also look for and adopt such new methods as give promise of benefit. We believe that it should be regarded by us as duty to establish a Sunday School wherever it is possible to have one, and that each Church is bound by sacred obligations to God and man to perform this duty. It is not a matter that should be left to the pious zeal of a few members, but it is the business of the Churches. We would like to give a few statistical facts showing what has been done the last year by our Association, but have no data by which to do this. We will say, however, that the Sunday School cause need not be neglected as literature can be had almost for the asking. We will not make any distinction, but recommend the use of the American Baptist Publication Societety's and Kind Words' publications, as sound, pre-eminently Baptistic. There are — Sunday Schools in our Association, an increase over former years, and we

earnestly pray that next year will show a marked increase, both as to number of schools and money expended for help. May God bless the children, and help the parents to care better for them. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HORTON,
Chairman,

G

Your committee on Ministerial Relief submit the following report:

We are taught that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. That men and women are brought to a knowledge of their condition through the instrumentality of the preached gospel attended by the Holy Ghost, and we are further taught that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. Hence, your committee reports that it is the imperative duty of the churches to look after the secular interests of those they send out as evangelists. We are under the strictest obligation to look after the interest of their families—to see that their children are properly fed, clothed and educated. That their minds are so trained as to raise them above the sordid things of earth, and place them on a higher plane of moral worth and distinction. In the opinion of your committee these interests have been too much neglected in the past. Therefore we would earnestly appeal to the churches throughout the Tennessee River Association to be zealous of their duties in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ST. CLAIR,
Chairman.

(Ought not this report to have shown how many indigent ministers there are, and what is their needs, and that of their families?)

CLERK.

H.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education submits the following report.

Having had but little time to think over this subject, I am satisfied that you will make the proper allowance for my shortcomings. I confess to you that I feel wholly unprepared to give this subject justice with the means of information at hand. It is as true in the work of the ministry as in any trade or profession, that proficiency is only attained through a well trained intellect together with that bodily training that is necessary to constitute a master builder. No physician or lawyer ever becomes a real benefactor until he is recognized as a leader in his profession. The ministry is an exception to this rule only on the line that men who preach and do not teach have done great good; and no disparagement, yet no one doubts but that they would have done greater good had they possessed broader opportunities. It is a recognized fact that many pious, God fearing men have done and are still doing much for the cause of Christ, though unprepared to fully teach His word. They have produced much fruit, and who can say what they would have accomplished had they been thoroughly prepared for the great work in which they were engaged. We have never seen an uneducated minister who did not regret, and pine over his want of a wider and broader knowledge of the word of God.

It is said in the Word of God that every minister shall be a workman; that he needeth not be ashamed of his work, rightly dividing the same, giving each his portion in due season. It is a well established fact that when a man is in possession of the first great qualification for the ministry, a convert in nature, living a life in harmony with the declaration, the more he is educated the more light he will shed around him and accomplish a greater work. Then it is the judgment of this committee that the Association should have, at least, some of her young men in College preparing for the great work of the Christian ministry. "Not educate them for preachers, but educate them because they are preachers." Five hundred dollars to Howard College is a small sum loaned to return to us in the person of one of our young men, after he has finished his Collegiate course, and returned, and we would rejoice that we had helped the young man. Look at what we have done in the past on this line. We ask, have we ever helped a young man that brought shame to us? Not one. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DAVIS,
Chairman.

I

We, your committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

Among the great moral reforms none has a stronger claim on the churches of Christ than the saving of the country from the curse, intemperance—the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. The churches are the light of the world, and the saved are the salt of the earth. Then if the light be hidden what, Oh! what is to become of the churches of Christ here on earth? There is not a single moral precept which sinful humanity violates but the churches should teach them to observe. There is not a good example to be set that the churches should not practice. The most important of all its use, it robs Heaven and peoples hell. We would, therefore, recommend that each individual church member in the various churches of this Association do all in their power to put down this vile monster, intemperance, from our churches, and seeing that we have much of its vile habits, we would say, "touch not, taste not the unclean thing," but let us ever follow the Savior's foot steps as much as in us lies. All of which, we, your committee, most respectfully submit.

JONATHAN BEESON,
Chairman.

J

Your committee on Finance submit the following report:

That we received the following amounts from the churches for minutes, and have paid the same to the clerk of the Association:

Antioch	\$ 50	Beech Grove	\$ 2.00
Bethel	1.40	Bethesda	1.00
Cave Spring	1.00	Centennial	1.00
Cumberland Mountain	1.00	Charity	1.50
Center Point	1.25	Cedar Grove	50

Friendship.....	2.00	Freedom.....	1.50
Harmony.....	1.50	Gurley.....	2.00
Hurricane Grove.....	.00	Hale's Cove.....	1.00
Larkinsville.....	1.00	Jone's Cove.....	1.00
Mt. Zion.....	.60	Mt. Nebo.....	2.00
Mt. Ararat.....	.60	Mt. Pisgah.....	2.00
McCoy's Grove.....	1.00	Mt. Tabor.....	.....
Pleasant Mount.....	.....	New Hope.....	1.35
Trenton.....	2.25	Scottsboro.....	2.50
Union Grove.....	.50	Union.....	1.25
Ebenezer.....	1.00	Stevenson.....	.50
Macedonia.....	1.50	Jasper.....	1.50
Tunnel Hill.....	.....	Pleasant Hill.....	1.00
Total.....	\$40.70		
Respectfully submitted,		E. P. COWART, Chairman.	

K.

Your Committee on Periodicals submits the following report.

Our people are reading, and as reading has a great deal to do with the formation of our character, we should be careful as to the kind of reading matter we use, or bring into our houses. We desire to recommend: 1st. The reading of the scriptures, as they are our only rule of faith and practice. 2d. That each home should have the weekly visits of the Alabama Baptist. This is our state paper and should come in ahead of all other papers in the world to an Alabama Baptist. 3rd. We recommend that each Baptist in the state of Alabama should subscribe for the Mission Quarterly, price, 10 cents per year; published by W. B. Cumpton, Marion, Alabama, and every Baptist in the Southern Baptist Convention should have the visits of the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va., price, 50 cents per year, and our Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., price, 25 cents per year. 4th. We would recommend Kind Words, and literature of the American Publication Society. 5th. We also recommend the Baptist Book and Bible Depository, located at Opelika, Ala., for the purchase of religious books. Respectfully submitted.

W. R. IVEY.
Chairman.

L.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

				Debit.	
To amount received from	Friendship church	.....	\$12.33		
" " " " "	McCoy's Grove	.....	1.00		
" " " " "	Union	.....	1.00		
" " " " "	Charity	.....	2.00		
" " " " "	Harmony	.....	7.40		
" " " " "	Pisgah	.....	7.75		
" " " " "	Larkinsville	.....	2.60		
" " " " "	Center Point	.....	7.50		
" " " " "	Beech Grove	.....	2.50		

"	"	collected on Sunday at Jasper	13.55
"	"	for Ministerial Education	12.00 \$6965
Credits.			
By amount paid C. B. Roach, Missionary in the Association			22.05
By cash on hand			47.60

6965

NOTE: This report does not do the Treasurer justice. The churches should report amounts paid by them for Missions, so that the Treasurer's report would show all the moneys raised during the year. There is no business to this careless way. We want to show our work fairly, and this can not be done unless we report to the treasurer

CLERK.

M

Your committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

Since our last meeting twenty members of the churches have died. This should remind us that we, who are soon to follow, should be up and doing while it is called to-day; our opportunities, like theirs, will soon end. So let us, brethren, make the most of life in work for the Master, that when the summons comes for us we may be fully prepared to answer.

We offer our sorrow and sympathy to the bereaved, and say that we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

We can only report the names of a few of our sainted dead. Sister J. M. Bledsoe, of Scottsboro church; Bro. O. J. Garrett and Sister Manerva Gullatt, of Pisgah; Sisters Nancy C. Matthews and Almond McCrary, of Cave Spring; Bro. Richard Isbell, of Ararat, and many others, whose names are not given the committee. Respectfully submitted,

MILTON ROACH,
Chairman.

NOTE BY THE CLERK: To the clerks of the churches: You see what a little oversight will do. Do not forget this again.

N.

History of the Association.

Report of the Clerk on the statistics and other facts in regard to the Tennessee River Association. This Association was organized in 1853, in September, and the first regular meeting was held in September, 1854, with Friendship church, as I am informed, but who the first Moderator was, I am unable, so far, to learn definitely, but Brother E. P. Cowart, who was one of the original members, is of the opinion that Rev. Mr. Penington was the first Moderator, and after this Bros. C. L. Roach, Crawford Howell, R. H. Taliaferro, Randal Bryant, of these all died before 1865, except R. H. Taliaferro, who died January, 11, 1869. The churches were scattered over a large territory which was thinly settled, hence these meetings were more a love-meeting than a practical business meeting. I would like to give some of the business side of these meetings but can not because I cannot procure a single minute back of 1866. From September 1860 to September 1865 no meeting was held. By referring to a table, prepared and appended to this minute, you will find some facts I think worth studying. In September 1865 the Association met after a lapse of five years, with New Hope church, R. H. Taliaferro Moderator and B. B. Toney, Clerk, and the table, above referred to, will show who has been honored by the position, as its officers, and who has been selected to preach the annual sermons, and the Scriptural text used by each on such occasions, except two, J. J. Beeson in 1871 and P. Brown in 1873. By reference to said table you will find the place and time of said meeting, the number of churches represented, the number of persons baptised, the number of members represented, the amount of money raised, as shown by the reports each year. While the showing is not very favorable, considering the number of members represented, it is the history we have written, and it should stimulate us to greater efforts for the future. Brother R. H. Taliaferro, Baily Bruce and J. C. Castiller are the only Moderators since 1865, that have died. Respectfully submitted.

L. C. COULSON.
Chairman.

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Statistics of the Tennessee

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	No. of Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.
1	Antioch	Jackson, Ala.		S. S. Puryear..	Hollywood, Ala	1	1
2	Beech Grove	" "	C. Howel.....	G. W. Duncan.	Francisco, "	1	1
3	Bethel	" "	P. Brown	J. F. McCarroll	Hollywood, "	1	1
4	Bethesda	" "	— Pitts.....	W. A. Plaster,	Calahan, "	1	1
5	Centennial	" "	R. Howell,	W. Chandler,	Coffeys St'r "	1	1
6	Cave Spring.....	" "	R. Howell.....	J. C. Knight,	Coffeys St'r "	1	1
7	Charity	Madison,	C. Howell.....	J. J. Powell,	New Market,	1	1
8	Cumberland M'n.	Jackson, "	D. S. Collins,	John Sanders,	Alto, "	1	1
9	Cedar Grove.....	Madison, "	J. W. Dunn,	J. W. Cambell,	Maysville, "	2	1
10	Center Point.....	Jackson,	R. Howell,	W. O. Thorp,	Scottsboro, "	1	1
11	Freedom	" "	P. Brown	L. M. Prince,	Estells Fork,	1	1
12	Friendship	" "	J. J. Beeson ..	J. B. Campbell,	Fackler, "	2	1
13	Gurley	" "	P. Brown	W. T. Roberts,	Gurley, "	1	1
14	Harmony	" "	W. L. Crawford	J. G. Sanders,	Mud Creek, "	2	1
15	Hales Cove	" "	L. W. Sloan....	W. A. Pigg,	Paint Rock, "	2	1
16	Hurricane Grove..	" "			Greerton, "	1	1
17	Jones' Cove.....	" "	J. J. Beeson....	A. A. Gay,	Pisgah, "	1	1
18	Larkinsville	" "	C. B. Roach ..	B. F. Rice,	Larkinsville,	1	1
19	Mt. Nebo	" "	P. Brown	Thomas Davis,	Holly Tree, "	1	1
20	Mt. Zion	" "	W. L. Crawford	J. W. Downey,	Kirbys Creek,	2	1
21	Mt. Pisgah	" "	J. J. Beeson....	W. D. Rorex,	Pisgah, "	1	1
22	Mt. Ararat	" "	Noah Maples..	John Barclay,	Limrock, "	2	1
23	Mt. Tabor	" "	G. W. Baines ..	R. L. Evans,	Fabius, "	1	1
24	McCoy's Grove....	" "	J. B. Frost	J. H. Caperton,	Fabius, "	1	1
25	New Hope	" "	D. S. Collins....	J. F. Terry,	Coffey's Store,	2	1
26	Pleasant Mount ..	Madison,	J. W. Dunn....	S. J. Jacobs,	Brownboro, "	1	1
27	Scottsboro	Jackson, "	W. R. Ivey.....	Virgil Bouldin,	Scottsboro, "	3	1
28	Trenton	" "		J. A. Flanagan,	Trenton, "	1	1
29	Union	" "	L. W. Woodall,	A. J. Flanagan,	Garth, "	1	1
30	Union Grove	" "	R. Howell.....	R. Gist	Fackler, "	1	1
31	Ebenezer	Dade, Ga.	T. L. Quarrels,	J. B. Reeves, ..	Cole City, Ga.	1	1
32	Tunnel Hill.....	" "	P. G. Manning,	T. I. Gosnell, ..	Whiteside Ten.	1	1
33	Jasper	Marion, Tenn.	J. C. Lambert,	W. A. Burk ...	Jasper, Tenn.	1	1
34	Macedonia	" "	" "	J. A. Clouse ..	Shelmond, "	2	1
35	Pleasant Hill.....	" "	M. J. Hicks,...	L. L. Brown...	Jasper, "	1	1

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 NAMES OF CHURCHES DISMISSED TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS: Bethesda, to —; Mount, to Mt. Carmal.

River Association, 1890.

Membership last Reported	INCREASE		DECREASE		Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival.				
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.		Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.	Superintendent.			Superintendent's Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
28																
121	12				1	3								1		1
87		1			11	2								1		
32		9			3									1		
33	3	1		2										4		
36	8	2												4		
89	2	1			1	2		2						1		
45	5				3	1	2							1		
45						3								1		
59	1													1		
171		3			18	2		1		G. A. Beard,	5	43	2	1		
96	12	4								J. B. Campbell,	6	47	2		1	
33		4								Fackler,			1			
37	13	7			1	3	3			R. M. Higginboth-	8	80	4	1		
42		1				7	2	2		am.			4	1		
28										Mud Creek,			4			
41													4			
13					3								3			
77		1				7		1					4			
86		2				2	4						4			
82	9	4				1							4	1		
31		1				2				J. H. Richards.	8	43	4	1	1	
30										Pisgah,			3			
13		2											4			
96	5				2	8	12						4			
78	7					9	17						4			
37	3	7				4	1	1		V. Bouldin,	5	29	3	1		1
49					2	1		2		Scottsboro,			3			
22		5								A. J. Flanagan,	5	55	2			
7										Garth,			3			
42	2					3	3	1					3			
40													4			
55						1							1			
63													4			
41	16					1	14						1			
1840	99	63	1	12	66	53	29	14	1711							

Cedar Grove, to Mt. Carmel; Jasper, to Sequatcha; Pleasant Hill, to Sequatcha; Pleasant

Financial Exhibit of Tennessee River Association. 1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.		Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	Sunday School.		Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
					Howard College	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary			Benevolence.	School Expenses.				
1 Antioch							50				50			25
2 Beech Grove							2.00				2.00	30.00		2.00
3 Bethel							1.40		2.75		4.15	19.65		7.50
4 Bethesda							1.00				1.00	15.00		75
5 Centennial							1.00				1.00			2.00
6 Cave Spring					5.00		1.00				6.00		40.00	5.00
7 Charity		2.00					1.50		1.00		4.00	50.00	20.00	2.00
8 Cumberland Mt'n.							1.00				1.00	28.85		75
9 Cedar Grove							50				50			75
10 Center Point			7.50				1.25		6.00		14.75			2.00
11 Freedom							1.50				1.50			8.00
12 Friendship	2.70	11.85	38.00		15.00		2.00		5.00		74.15	60.00		4.00
13 Gurley	2.05	4.64	1.25	40			2.00				10.14	38.90	12.15	2.00
14 Harmony			7.40		10.00		1.50		1.35		20.25	23.80		50
15 Hales Cove							1.00				1.00	2.90		2.00
16 Hurricane Grove							1.00				18.00			1.00
17 Jones' Cove			12.00				1.00				8.00			2.00
18 Larkinsville							1.00	2.60			8.00			1.50
19 Mt. Nebo	40	2.20	1.15	25		2.00	2.00				8.00			5.00
20 Mt. Zion							60				60			3.00
21 Mt. Pisgah	1.25	5.25	1.25		5.00		2.00	8.00	5.00	6.00	33.75	16.00		2.00
22 Mt. Ararat	1.50	1.50	2.00				60				6.20	28.00		3.00
23 Mt. Tabor							60							1.50
24 McCoy's Grove			1.00				1.00				2.00			50
25 New Hope							1.35				1.35	41.00		2.50
26 Pleasant Mount												25.00		1.00
27 Scottsboro	11.50	11.50	23.00		11.00		2.50	88.50	20.88	168.88	293.25	176.80		18.00
28 Trenton							2.25				2.25			2.50
29 Union	75	25	25				1.25		2.50		5.00	1.00		2.00
30 Union Grove							50				50			1.50
31 Stevenson							50				50			2.00
32 Ebenezer							1.00				1.00			2.00
33 Jasper					2.00		1.50	23.55			27.05	75.00		2.00
34 Macedonia							1.50	7.30			9.70			2.50
35 Pleasant Hill							1.00	2.55			3.55	14.50	134.45	5.00
36 Tunnel Hill														2.50
Total.	20.15	38.09	95.40	65	45.00	2.00	40.70	45.20	93.50	45.48	430.17	757.85	365.80	105.50

P. BROWN, Moderator; Hollywood, Ala. L. C. COULSON, Clerk; Scottsboro, Ala.

NOTE—This exhibit is not free from error, but is the best showing possible, unless Clerks of Churches would take more pains with their letters.

Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Appendix "N."

Month.	Day.	Year.	CHURCHES.	Moderator.	Clerks.	Annual Missions Churches Represented.	Delegates.	Baptized.	Membership.	Contributions Minutes.	Contributions for Foreign Work.	Freshened Annual Sermon.	Scriptural Text.	SCRIPTURAL READING.
Sep.	18	86	New Hope.	R. H. Talliferro	R. B. Toney	8.	8	18				R. H. Talliferro.	.....	In this case Scripture not given.
Oct.	8	86	Beech Grove	R. H. Talliferro	P. Brown	9.	9	18	54	232	95	Bally Bruce.	.....	Thou hast ascended on high. Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast received gifts for men; yea for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
"	4	87	Friendship	R. H. Talliferro	P. Brown	10.	10	21	65	547	81-00	G. A. Morring.	.....	For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.
"	6	88	Mt. Nebo	R. H. Talliferro	P. Brown	11.	14	42	231	530	152-50	J. J. Beeson	.....	But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
"	1	89	Center Point	Bally Bruce.	P. Brown	12.	18	50	341	1000	48-20	Bally Bruce.	.....	But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6th, For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
Sep.	30	70	Freedom	J. W. Brown.	P. Brown	13.	18	55	153	1190	41-00	J. W. Brown.	.....	Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
"	34	71	Cave Spring.	J. W. Brown.	T. D. Osborn.	14.	19	58	77	1150	55-25	J. J. Beeson	.....	Scripture not given.
"	7	72	Scottsboro	P. Brown	T. D. Osborn.	15.	22	64	135	1328	41-08	H. H. Horton	.....	For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
"	12	73	Mt. Nebo	P. Brown	R. B. Toney	16.	24	78	158	1483	48-95	P. Brown	.....	Scripture not given.
Oct.	7	74	New Hope	P. Brown	R. B. Toney	17.	31	84	198	1007	56-30	W. J. Connel	.....	Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
"	8	76	Pleasant Mount.	J. B. Castiller	J. J. St. Clair	18.	34	74	98	1023	40-35	J. B. Castiller	.....	John 6:38. Then said they unto him: what shall we do that we might work the works of God?
Sep.	26	76	Scottsboro	H. M. Horton	S. G. Grimmett	19.	36	84	130	1794	57-35	C. B. Roach	.....	1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
"	21	77	Beech Grove	P. Brown	R. A. Coffey	20.	37	70	82	1713	30-60	F. M. Cora	.....	Eph. 2:19-10. Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 31, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.
"	20	78	Friendship	P. Brown	R. A. Coffey	21.	26	85	135	1490	32-80	C. Howell	.....	Eph. 2:19-10. Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 31, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.
"	30	79	Trenton	P. Brown	R. A. Coffey	22.	20	78	63	1806	34-80	T. L. Quarles	.....	Eph. 5:1-10. Be ye, therefore, followers of God, as obedient children.
"	30	80	Macedonia	P. Brown	R. A. Coffey	23.	28	42	114	1397	37-35	C. B. Roach	.....	Mal. 2:8. Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
"	31	80	Scottsboro	P. Brown	J. A. Kennedy	24.	24	64	113	1341	35-65	H. H. Horton	.....	Acts 20:34. Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made the overseer to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
"	23	82	Freedom	P. Brown	J. A. Kennedy	25.	28	54	172	1397	31-50	C. Howell	.....	1 Cor. 15:58. I say then, have ye stumbled that they should fall? God forbid, but rather through these fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?
"	21	83	Bethel	J. J. Beeson	R. A. Coffey	26.	25	78	87	1386	38-45	J. J. Beeson	.....	Acts 20:35. I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the work, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.
"	26	84	Mt. Zion	W. J. S. Padgett	L. C. Coulson	27.	20	71	145	1448	39-65	P. Brown	.....	Mat. 16-18. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
"	35	85	New Hope	C. S. Roach	L. C. Coulson	28.	30	77	184	1492	50-00	S. O. Howard	.....	Col. 2:9-10. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead, bodily. 10, And ye are complete in Him which is the head of all principality and power.
"	36	86	Mt. Nebo	C. S. Roach	L. C. Coulson	29.	35	83	1945	37-05	245-75	J. J. Beeson	.....	John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
"	37	87	Friendship	P. Brown	L. C. Coulson	30.	40	94	146	1800	41-85	P. Brown	.....	John 3:21. Jesus answered: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.
"	38	88	Center Point	P. Brown	L. C. Coulson	31.	39	80	150	1929	37-35	T. B. Frost	.....	Mat. 16:18. And I say also unto thee: that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
"	27	89	Beech Grove	P. Brown	L. C. Coulson	32.	37	84	108	1700	46-35	J. J. Beeson	.....	Acts 1:8. And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
Oct.	5	90	Jasper	P. Brown	L. C. Coulson	33.	36	56	90	1711	40-70	C. B. Roach	.....	Pa. 106:15. And he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls.